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TAGS: EGEN UN ECOSOC  
SUBJ: OVERVIEW COMMITTEE GOV REACTIONS  
REF: USUN 606; CARACAS 1817

1. ACCORDING TO ENRIQUE TER HORTS, ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, GOV WAS SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF OVERVIEW COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE WEEK OF FEB 13. THE GOV DELEGATION WAS IMPRESSED WITH SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION WHICH PERVADED MEETING. USDEL WAS PERCEIVED AS MAKING IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF MEETINGS. DEPUTY ASSISTANT AND SECRETARIES ROBERT HORMATS AND CHARLES FRANK WERE SINGLED OUT FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT ON IMPORTANT ISSUES WITH LDC LEADERSHIP. TER HORST DID, HOWEVER, CONVEY DISAPPOINTMENT OF MINISTER PEREZ GUERRERO THAT UNDERSECRETARY COOPER DID NOT ATTEND MEETINGS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE GOV SEEMS QUITE SATISFIED WITH PROPOSED AGENDA FOR FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY. TER HORST CLAIMED, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY TENTATIVE DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HELD ON AGENDA FOR JUNE MEETING, AND THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS HAD BEEN MADE AS YET.

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3. TER HORST AGREED THAT DECISION BY CONSENSUS WAS, IN PRACTICE, THE ONLY WAY THE NEW COMMITTEE COULD OPERATE EFFECTIVELY. HE SAID MINISTER PEREZ GUERRERO WAS HOPEFUL THAT A NEW SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION WAS DEVELOPING IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, ONE WHICH MAY RESULT IN BETTER PROGRESS ON MAJOR ISSUES LIKE THE COMMON FUND. PEREZ GUERRERO REPORTEDLY SENSED AN EROSION OF THE BLOC CONCEPT

DURING THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSIONS, WHICH IN TURN SHOULD  
MAKE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS LESS OF AN ADVERSARY PROCEEDING.

4. GOV HAS NOT YET BEGUN ITS PREPARATIONS FOR MAY  
MEETING. WE WILL KEEP DEPT INFORMED.  
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